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(57) Abstract <p>The present invention relates to genetic engineering of production microorganisms used in biotechnology to improve their properties so that they produce useful products more efficiently. The microorganisms express at least one enzyme that causes the functional coupling of the oxidation and reduction of substrates by two pyridine nucleotide-linked dehydrogenase reactions with different specificities for the NAD/NADH and NADP/NADPH coenzyme couples and so facilitates the transfer of electrons between the two coenzyme couples through the said substrates. In particular the invention relates to increasing the yields of products such as ethanol or amino acids from carbon and nitrogen sources such as biomass comprising hexoses, pentoses or their polymers.</p>		

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	Microbiology, Volume 142, 1996, Nina Meinander et al, "A heterologous reductase affects the redox balance of recombinant <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ", page 165 - page 172, see esp. fig 3 and table 2 --	1-38
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search terms: Xyulokinase, xylose reductase, xylitol dehydrogenase, vector?, plasmid?, (ribosom? or 18Sor
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Y	TANTIRUNGKU et al. Fed-batch fermentation of xylose by a fast-growing mutant of xylose-assimilating recombinant <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> . Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology. 1994. Vol. 41. No.1. pages 8-12, entire document.	1-29
Y	TANTIRUNGKU et al. Genetic Improvement of <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> for Ethanol Production from Xylose. Ann. N. Y. Acad. Sci. 02 May 1994, Vol. 721, pages 138-147, entire document.	1-29
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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

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